

## REMARKS

Claims 3-8 are pending in this application, as claims 1 and 2 were cancelled previously without prejudice, and claims 7 and 8 have been newly added by the present amendment.

The Examiner advised applicants' patent agent by telephone on September 30, 2003 that the application is in condition for allowance with the exception of claim 4, because of the following contradiction between claim 3 and claim 4:

According to claim 3, "...the gear-wheel plane of the input wheel is parallel to the plane of rotation of the rotary object...", while in claim 4, "... all gear-wheel planes are .... at an oblique angle in relation to the plane of rotation of the rotary object."


Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing contradiction is merely due to an oversight which occurred in the amendment of June 26 as a result of incorporating claim 2 in claim 3, which then became the independent claim. As discussed between the Examiner and applicants' agent by telephone on October 6, 2003, applicants propose to correct the problem by amending claim 4, making it into an independent claim as shown above. Claim 4 as amended herein incorporates the original claims 1 and 3 (but not the original claim 2, which created the contradiction). The new claims 7 and 8 are analogous to the original claims 5 and 6, but are dependent on claim 4. Thus, the proposed restructured set of claims is supported at least by the original set of claims. No new matter is thereby introduced in the application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's verbal notification by telephone and respectfully submit that this Supplemental Amendment implements the changes that were discussed with the Examiner to correct the one remaining issue mentioned above.

Allowance of the present application with claims 3-8 is hereby earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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